

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Docket No. DA2002-237P01
 Adel Farhan Halasa, et al) Art Unit: 1713
 For: FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMERS) Examiner: Fred M. Teskin
 FOR SYNTHESIS OF RUBBERY)
 POLYMERS)
 Serial No. 10/624,188)
 Filed: July 22, 2003)

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Commissioner for Patents
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Petitioner, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, having its principal place of business in Akron, Ohio, through its duly authorized agent, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced application and United States Patent 6,630,552. I have reviewed the assignment of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,188 from the inventors (Adel Farhan Halasa and Wen-Liang Hsu) to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and certify that, to the best of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's belief, title to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,188 is in the name of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The Petitioner, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, through its duly authorized representative, hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,188 which would extend beyond the expiration of United States Patent 6,630,552, and hereby agrees that any patents so granted on United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,188 shall be enforceable only for and during such periods that legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent 6,630,552, this agreement to run with any patent granted on United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,188 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors and assigns.

Date June 10, 2004

THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

By *Alvin T. Rockhill*
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Exhibit A

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Adel Farhan Halasa and Wen-Liang Hsu of 5040 Everett Road, Bath Ohio, 44333, U.S.A., and 2034 Bent Creek Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223, U.S.A., respectively, have invented certain improvements in **FUNCTIONALIZED MONOMERS FOR SYNTHESIS OF RUBBER POLYMERS**, and described in a patent application filed on July 21, 2003 by the undersigned for filing in The United States of America, being owner(s) of all right(s) in and to any invention described therein and having full right to convey and assign the same, and the said improvements have been assigned; and

WHEREAS, THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY, of Akron, Ohio 44316, a corporation of the State of Ohio (assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention described therein and any and all patents to be obtained therefor, all as hereinafter set forth:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration received by the undersigned, the undersigned does (do) hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any application filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention or inventions in this or any foreign country; and the undersigned hereby authorizes(s) and requests(s) the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said assignee or its successors and assigns.

The undersigned further agree(s) to execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, improvement, extension, reissue and other patent applications in this or any foreign country relating to said application or invention and to sign all other lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts without further consideration, but without expense to myself (myself), which the assignee may deem necessary or desirable to make this Assignment fully effective including by way of example, but not of limitation, the following acts:

- (1) Prompt execution of all lawful oaths, affidavits and/or supplemental oaths required or deemed advisable by the assignee to further the prosecution of any application or applications for letters patent relating to the subject matter of this Assignment;
- (2) To cooperate to the best of my (our) ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, and the giving of testimony in interference, opposition, nullification or infringement proceedings involving the said invention or improvement, applications or patents or any of them.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) said assignee to insert in this Assignment the serial number and filing date of the above-identified application when known.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has (have) hereunto set his (their) hand(s) and seal(s) on the date(s) set after his (their) signature(s).

Adel Farhan Halasa July 21, 2003
WITNESS Adel Farhan Halasa
Wen-Liang Hsu July 21, 2003
WITNESS Wen-Liang Hsu

Docket No. DN200737801State of Ohio)
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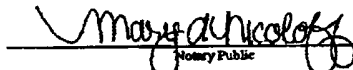
SS:

On this _____ day of _____, 2003, before me personally appeared Adel
Furber Haines to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the foregoing assignment, and
acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.


Notary PublicMARY A. NICOLOFF
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 11-24-07State of Ohio)
County of Summit)

SS:

On this _____ day of _____, 2003, before me personally appeared
Wen-Liang Hsu to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the foregoing assignment, and
acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.


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